(b) if so, whether Government are aware that in most of the cases the auto-rickshaw drivers at the Inter-State Bus Terminus (ISBT) are carrying fare charts showing extra charges leviable between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. thereby overcharging the passengers coming from the neighbouring States and who are unaware of the orders in this regard; and

(c) if so, whether Government have made any inquiry to find out how the wrong charts are being carried by the auto-rickshaw drivers and also to identify the source from which they get them, if so, what are the details thereof, stating the action taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No, Sir. 20 per cent extra over normal fare is payable for hiring autorickshaw between 11.00 p.m. to 5.00 a.m.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Consequent to the decision on revision in fares of auto-rickshaw on 7-3-1986, Directorate of Transport, Delhi Administration brought out the revised fare charts for general distribution. In this chart, due to typographical error, the night charges were shown to be payable between 10.00 P.M. to 5.00 A.M. The defect was detected and correction made on 9-3-1986. In the meanwhile, the traffic police and auto-rickshaw unions had got the printed copies of the charts made based on the incorrect copy. Towards the end of June, 1986, it came to notice that drivers were using old charts issued to them by their Union and Traffic Police. The Traffic Police and Unions were thereafter apprised of the correct position and were asked to take remedial action. The public has been advised through Press about the correct position. Directorate of Transport has also recently through the Press issued the warning to the drivers of auto-rickshaw to adhere to the prescribed timings for night charges.

**Unregistered nursing homes in Delhi**

896. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Govermnent are aware of the mushroom growth of the unregistered nursing homes in various parts of Delhi;

(b) if so, what is their number at present; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to ascertain the working conditions in such nursing homes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) The Government do not have any such information.

(b) The Delhi Administration have informed that they have granted 110 licences to private nursing homes/hospitals, under the Delhi Nursing Home Registration Act/Rules, 1953.

(c) The Licensing Authority under Delhi Administration keeps a watch on the working of licensed Private Nursing Homes/Hospitals.

**Failure of X-ray machine at the Indira Gandhi International Airport Terminal**

897. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that failure of X-Ray machine used for checking of baggages at the Indira Gandhi International Airport Terminal on the 4th June, 1986 caused chaos and delay to a number of flights;

(b) whether there are any other alternative arrangements at the Air-

port to check the baggage in such eventualities; and

(c) whether Government propose to instal sufficient number of X-ray machines at the Airport to avoid any such delay to flights?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) In case of failure of X-Ray machine, manual checking is done.

(c) In view of (a) above question does not arise.

**Curb on professional blood donors**

898. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what measures are being taken by Government to check the evil of professional blood sellers; and

(b) whether any steps are being taken by Government to encourage voluntary blood donation and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Instructions have been issued to all the Blood Banks to screen all the professional blood donors for AIDS in addition to the usual mandatory tests. The present dependance on professional donors of blood is sought to be progressively eliminated by encouraging voluntary blood donation through innovative health education and publicity campaign on a sustained and continued basis.

**Dr. B. C. Roy awards**

899. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that former recipients of the prestigious Dr. B. C. Roy awards have written to the Prime Minister that by selecting themselves for the awards, two members of the screening Committee have "utterly debased" them;

(b) whether this year award has among others gone to (i) Dr. M. M. S. Sidhu from Lucknow and Dr. R. K. Mendu, who were on the management Committee of Dr. B. C. Roy Award Fund; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) A complaint was received alleging irregularities in the selection of nominees for the 1985 Dr. B. C. Roy National Award. The complaint was examined in accordance with the rules and regulations of Dr. B. C. Roy National Award Fund and it was seen that no irregularity had been committed.

Dr. M. M. S. Siddhu and Dr. R. K. Menda, Members of the Management Committee have been selected for the 1985 Dr. B. C. Roy National Award as reported by the Medical Council of India.

**Corruption in North-East Frontier Railway**

900. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in "Pranta Jyoti" of the 25th June, 1986, published from Silchar regarding corruption in North-East Frontier Railway; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the enquiry made into these complaints and the result thereof?